Mobsters and moonshine

A basement fire reveals an illegal still operating in a house across from the fairgrounds in the 1920s.

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Poetrypalooza!

It’s National Poetry Month and we’ve got our poetry contest winners, a story about St. Paul’s lyrical sidewalks and a conversation with poet Susan Thurston Hamerski.

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A work in progress

The St. Paul Public Schools plan to reshape the district will evolve over its three-year implementation.

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Anodyne Art Center offers arts access to all

By Michele Christianson

When you talk at any length with Mary Pendergast, executive director and co-founder of Anodyne Art Center, you quickly realize that she has a passion for supporting everyone’s creative and artistic endeavors, whether or not they have disabilities. “We define ourselves by our commonalities, not our differences,” she says.

Pendergast, along with her husband, Joseph Pendergast, and Howard Millor, founded Anodyne 10 years ago as a place where disabled people would have more choices than bingo and television for daily activities. Anodyne gives those with physical and mental disabilities an opportunity to access the arts and possibly to make money with their skills.

The deceptively large space on Carleton Street, one block east of Raymond Avenue in south St. Anthony Park, is home to a theater company (with stage and seating), recording studio, an artists’ workshop, a large gallery in which the artists can show and sell their work, and a pottery studio. Letters in the adult day care (and also adults without disabilities) may receive instruction and support for acting, painting, sculpture, pottery, ceramics, written and spoken word, movement and dance, and stage management.

Pendergast has been working in the arts field for more than 25 years, first in her native Duluth, where she earned a bachelor of fine arts degree, and then in St. Paul. She is a singer, dancer and actor and has been a work in progress.

Permit parking to begin west of Como Regional Park

By Harvey T. Rockwood

One group of Como Park area neighbors抽离by their success in getting St. Paul city officials to limit parking in their residential area after a drive of more than two years.

The neighbors organized to push the city toward resident-only parking in the area just west of Como Regional Park and recently overcame what they saw as indifference on the part of officialdom: The parking limits will take effect May 2. The restrictions will be enforced from May through September each year.

“We feel like we’re getting our neighborhood back,” said Val Cunningham, a resident of the area who was active in the grassroots effort to restrict parking to residents only.

The neighborhood was suffering from constant traffic from nonresidents on their residential streets, Cunningham said. Park visitors from outside the neighborhood clogged the streets looking for parking spots beginning about 9 a.m. and continuing through the day, she said.

The problem was at its worst during the State Fair and major holidays, but ordinary summer days drew heavy traffic, noise and litter, she said. “The whole neighborhood ambiance was being destroyed.”

Como Regional Park plans to add more attractions and that potentially means even more traffic for the neighborhood, Cunningham said.

“They want it to be a year-round park, and we felt we had to protect our rights. That became our mantra.”

Cunningham said an unofficial poll and petition drive showed about 79 percent of area residents favored the restrictions.

“People were really interested. There was a lot of citizen involvement.”

Gov. Dayton appoints Commers to Met Council

By Anne Holzman

The west half of St. Paul will be represented on the Metropolitan Council for the next four years by St. Anthony Park resident Jon Commers.

An appointee of Gov. Mark Dayton, Commers once worked on the staff of Minneapolis Democrat Jim Voss and ran for the House of Representatives.

While most St. Paul constituents know of the 17-member Met Council as the manager of the Metro Transit bus system, Commers said he hopes to broaden some of its other roles in the seven-county metropolitan area, such as managing wastewater, acquiring open space and guiding land use.

The Met Council’s role can be hard to comprehend, Commers acknowledged, but he said his background at the Legislature will help him.

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Clear out your attics, garages and basements. The District 10 Como Community Council is sponsoring its 10th Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale on Saturday, May 1. Register your garage-sale location with the District 10 office and District 10 will advertise in the weeks prior to the event, as well as distribute a map of the addresses and sale descriptions of all participants. A $10 registration fee will cover advertising and administrative costs. Registrations must be submitted by Friday, April 29. Any registrations submitted after that deadline will not be included on the official garage-sale map. You can find more information at www.district10como.org.

The St. Pauls Parks and Recreation Department is launching a Como Regional Park Advisory Committee (CRPAC) to review transportation, signage and Como Golf Course land-use options in Como Regional Park.

The Como Park Community Council is looking for District 10 residents to serve on the committee. Meetings will begin in May. No experience is necessary, but a professional, detail-oriented, fair voice of the community is strongly desired, along with excellent communications skills. Call 651-644-3869 for more information. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, April 12.

Falcon Heights
Polling sites for the March 29 primary and April 12 special election to fill the seat vacated by State Sen. Ellen Anderson are the same as the general election: Falcon Heights City Hall, 207 W. Larpenteur Ave., and Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Hilton St. Anderson was named chair of the Public Utilities Commission by Gov. Mark Dayton in March and resigned from the Minnesota Senate.

The Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation Department is requesting bids for park improvements. Bids are due April 18. Call 651-585-2680 for more information.

The Falcon Heights Lions Club is sponsoring a yard sale on Saturday, May 7. The sale is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 651-271-4822.

Lauderdale City Hall is sponsoring a garage sale to help raise funds to support Lauritzen Gardens. The sale will be held on Saturday, May 21, from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact City Hall at 651-348-0680.

St. Anthony Park
The St. Anthony Park Community Council board of directors election will take place Tuesday, April 12. Turn to page 13 to find out everything you need to know about the election.

Volunteer for St. Anthony Park’s annual Earth Day Koasota Ponds Cleanup on Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers of all ages are welcome and education and outreach will be offered for children. This year we will be planting Sandbar Willow switches in conjunction with the clean-up to not only clean but restore the Koasota Ponds.

If you are interested in helping, please indicate it in your RSVP to lauran@sapcc.org or by calling 651-849-5992. Equipment and refreshments will be provided, in part thanks to a generous grant from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. Meet at the parking lot west of Highway 280 on the south side of Energy Park Drive at 9 a.m.

City of St. Paul
More than 1,000 volunteers are needed for the Citywide Spring Cleanup, Saturday, April 9, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Kickoff locations are Harriet Island Pavilion, Highland Park Pavilion, Como Park Lakeside Pavilion and Phalen Park Pavilion.

The Citywide Spring Cleanup is an annual litter cleanup held throughout St. Paul’s parks, natural areas, recreation centers and neighborhoods. Volunteers can get clean-up supplies at one of the kickoff celebrations across the city, then go to an area they choose to pick up trash. Register for the event at www.stpaul.gov/parks/environment.
Anodyne’s theater, art studio and recording facilities give adults with disabilities many daytime options

Anodyne Art Center from 1

This year, Anodyne’s program will be evolving to include a heritage arts program and a program for seniors. The company is planning a visual arts show called “Convictions,” which will address how to make safe decisions. There is an established artist program where nondisabled people can come in and work with associate artists who share their knowledge and foster an inclusive community where everyone gets beyond disabilities and focuses on art.

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As is true for all nonprofit organizations, Anodyne is looking for donations and volunteers. Each year, Anodyne artists make bowls and volunteers make soup to sell together at the fall fundraiser, “Get your soup on.” To find out more about volunteering, contact Pendergast at anodynearts@gmail.com or call 651-642-1684. Donations can be made through Razoo.com/story/Anodyne-Artist-Company (or by mailing a check to Anodyne Artist Center, 825 Carleton St., St. Paul, MN 55114).

Michelle Christianson is a piano teacher, musician, writer and frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.

Above, Anodyne artist Jenny works on a fiber project in the art studio. At right is Mary Pendergast, executive director and co-founder of the center. Pendergast says of the center: “We define ourselves by our commonalities, not our differences.”

Photos by Lori Hamilton

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The deadline for the May issue is April 13.

Precious Waters at the library

Patti Holmes and I worked hard to promote SAP resident John Whitehead’s film, Precious Waters, and it was gratifying to have such a fine turnout and discussion on Feb. 22 at the St. Anthony Park library. This film explains the controversy surrounding the proposals for sulfide mining in Minnesota. For those wishing to see this film, the DVD is available to check out at the library. In addition, visit the website www.preciouswaters.org, where it is available online, and you can also follow the issue on Facebook and Twitter.

Thanks to all who took time to come out, learn and participate in this event.

Marg Mordan
St. Anthony Park

What are those five new structures in College Park?

In early January, a contractor for the St. Paul Public Works Sewer Department installed five monitoring wells in College Park so that the water-retention capacity of the soil could be monitored. Good year to do that? This is in anticipation of a proposed subsurface infiltration clean water project for the lower part of the park. I can remember several springs in the last 20 years when I thought we had a lakeshore view from our home during the spring melt. Back in March 2009, a letter was sent to College Park residents scheduling a neighborhood meeting to have a preliminary discussion of the storm-water project. The plan was to pursue federal stimulus funding through the State Revolving Funds Loan Program. I recently spoke with staff at St. Paul Parks Planning, the Capital Region Watershed District (CRWD) and Bruce Elder, the manager of sewer operations for St. Paul. M. E. Elder told me that the plan was presented to neighbors in the Raymond, Carter, Como street project two years ago. I advised him that another meeting must be held with the entire neighborhood invited so that all residents can participate. We now see the final proposal. M. E. Elder advised me that his designers are still working out the final plan and as soon as it is complete, he will contact the St. Anthony Park Community Council and schedule a meeting for the neighborhood.

Forest Kelly from CRWD indicated that since the proposed project is less than an acre, no permit is required. The goal of the proposed project is to increase park function in the lower area and protect water quality through creating subsurface infiltration opportunities. This is a great opportunity for our neighborhood. A St. Paul forester had already checked the proposed area in the park and does not expect any root damage to mature trees from excavation efforts. Currently, storm water and snow melt runoff from the area north of College Park flows directly into the lower surface of the park, carrying E. coli from dogs, birds, squirrels and other animals. A number of years ago I had to retrieve a young child from the small, murky lake in the park following one of the storm water events. He father had taken her there to swim and when I advised him of the potential pollution she was being exposed to, he took her home to shower.

I am sure Dr. Samuel Green, who spearheaded the effort to acquire the land for College Park, would be pleased to know this park is loved and schedule a meeting for the future generations.

Mary M. Maguire-Lerman

Candidates seek support

On March 9, our state senator, Ellen Anderson, was appointed to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. We will miss Ellen; she has been a tireless champion for our district.

He known Ellen for 15 years and have been honored to call her a mentor and example to me over the course of my nine years serving St. Paul in the Minnesota House. Throughout this time I have fought for our neighborhoods. I reject the GOP notion that struggling families should pay proportionately more in taxes than do the wealthy, and I believe we have enough abundance in our state to responsibly invest in our schools, our infrastructure and our natural resources.

I believe in the value of our public employees. I am a proud member of AFSCME and am humbled to carry their endorsement, as well as that of Labor’s Local 132, the Paul Federation of Teachers Local 28 and Team A MFE. I stand with Wisconsin public employees and for their rights to collectively bargain for their livelihoods.

I’ve built my life around service and around fighting for those unable to fight for themselves. I serve as a commissioned officer and pilot and in the 2nd Battalion, 153th Infantry, Minnesota Army National Guard.

I believe I can bring my nine years of legislative experience to work for you in the Senate because I am a fighter. I will fight to make polluters pay, to provide equal educational opportunities for our kids and to create safe neighborhoods where anyone, regardless of color, creed or national origin, can live, work and raise a family.

The primary election is Tuesday, March 29. I ask for your support.


In these times of budget deficits and attacks on government, we need fresh perspectives and new ideas. As a St. Anthony Park resident, a pro bono attorney and an advocate for social justice, I want to be the next state senator from Senate District 66 and your voice for our community at the State Capitol. I bring a unique background that grounds me in progressive values with the capacity to listen and work constructively for the best interests of the district and the state. I ask for your support in the special DFL primary on Tuesday, March 29.

As the son of a union truck driver, I was the first in my family to go to college. I directly benefited from the kinds of investments in public education and government infrastructure that made the
COMMENTARY

In dog we trust

By Adam Granger

Recently, we got our first dog, a golden doodle. That’s aoodle-golden retriever mix. I’m not sure if this is the first “dog” doodle comes from. By rights, they should be called golden doodles. I think it was a mix-up when they merrily declaimed, and then feel silly when they say it. I know guys who have Rottweilers named King who wouldn’t be seen in the same dog park with a golden doodle named Molly, but I’m not one those guys.

We bought her from breeder in M ontgomery, M innesota, who delivered her to us at the airport, where they had come to ship Molly’s sister to Arizona, and of course we fell instantly in love with her. We thought Molly would weigh 35 pounds as an adult dog, and she was 65. (She auditioned for the role of Paul Bunyan’s lap dog in a local theatrical production but was edged out by a hyperthyroid S t. Bernard.)

When had cats all of my life, dog ownership has been a real eye-opener. Not only had I not had dogs, I was actually a dog dislikier. I was the guy who’d come up and grumpily say, “Excuse me. We have a leash law.”

In the past 20 years BD [Before Dog], a friend stayed with me at my cabin up north. He brought along, uninvited, a big, stinky, ill-behaved puppy. I told him he had to come when she’s called or do nothing and who mean us no harm, people from whom she will get anything she doesn’t want to do.

“Walks are completely different now than they were BD. Our St. Paul neighborhood has an awful lot of dogs and dog owners, and now we meet people on our walks are referred to as Reis owner, or Molly’s owner, don’t get it and now they—and their owners—can do no wrong.

If you’re a first-time dog owner, even in cases where we knew they’d start running around a tree. As your neighbor, I ask you to join me in supporting Mary Jo McGuire in the primary election on August 13.

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American dream possible. As an attorney, I have worked for the University of M innesota, overseeing the law school career development office, and currently serve as the Program Development Director for the M innesota State Bar Association. As a parent, I have been an active and engaged parent in our community, serving including as a member of the M innesota Coalition of Community Shares.

Our Molly—Molly No. 180 when we got a dog, and now than they were BD. Our St. Anthony Park (in the village.)

The first thing I learned about dogs is that—and this is an accurate statistic—97 percent of owners of female dogs name them Molly. The second thing I learned is that their ears really do flip up when something piques their interest. O.K., not as high as Snoopy’s, but nevertheless, I assume that this is to allow them to hear better.

And they really do cock their heads when they’re puzzled. I’m at a loss as to why. My best guess is that it’s something television dogs were trained to do because it was cutely humanized and then other dogs learned it from watching television.

Our house has a dog on a distinctly canine feel, with dog dishes in the kitchen and dog toys strewn everywhere. Because she is a her dog bones and little vodka-doll effigies of squirrels, the place feels less like Toys “R” Us after a tornado and more like an abattoir on a busy day. And, yes, we’re supposed to take her toys away when it’s time to play, but, really, what else do we have?

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There is spirited debate about the intelligence of dogs. And, of course, it is claimed that some breads are smarter than others, and so there’s further debate about that. Frankly, all dogs seem pretty dumb to me (please don’t have this article out where your dog can see it), but, really, what else do they have?

As my aunt M innie used to say, “It’s a poor dog that is not worth the whistling.” Dear old Aunt M innie.

She was never the same after her beloved doodhal, M ollie, met her end running around a tree.

Adan Granger has written for National Lampoon, Rayed Greeting Cards and Garrison K eller, and has performed on A Prairie Home Companion more than 150 times. He lives in St. Anthony Park (in the shadow of the treble.)

Reader supports McGuire in District 66 special primary

I am so pleased that Mary Jo McGuire has decided to run for D istrict 66 state senator and urge you to send her to the State Senate. I have known her for more than 20 years and having worked with her on various education issues, I know that she listens and works with others to get things done for the common good.

Her experience, progressive leadership, and her effect running around a tree. As your neighbor, I ask you to join me in supporting Mary Jo McGuire in the primary election on Tuesday, March 29.

Ann Bubbiner
St. Anthony Park

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Permit Parking from 1

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A tale from the Prohibition years

Moonshine on Snelling

By Roger Bergerson

On an evening in the late 1920s, it got everybody’s attention in the neighborhood across from the State Fairgrounds when an alcohol still in the basement of 1430 N. Snelling Ave. caught fire, Paul Anderson recalled.

“Mr. Vesaas, who lived on Asbury, and others came running to help the homeowner, Mr. Althen, who had a garden hose and was pouring water into the basement to try to put out the blaze,” Anderson said.

Anderson was a young boy living with his family several doors away. His grandfather once observed that Conrad and Genevieve Althen only seemed to have “company” when there was a light in the front window, a sign that they were open for business.

“Somebody must have called the fire department, because as the truck could be heard coming up Snelling from the station at Midway Parkway, Mr. Althen jumped in his car and drove away and we never saw him again,” recalled Anderson.

Althen’s car was a luxurious Pierce-Arrow, a maroon beauty that the owner kept highly polished and well-maintained, Anderson said.

“My friends and I would go watch while he worked on the car and were fascinated because it was equipped with a siren. Mr. Althen never had much to say, but he didn’t shoo us away, either.”

The idea that Althen might become too talkative probably contributed to his ultimate demise, but in the 1920s, he was a man of many trades, among them golf pro and manager at the Minneapple Golf Course, located near Larpenteur and Cleveland avenues in Rose Township. (The course was later acquired by the University of Minnesota.) In his first scrape with the law, Althen was accused of being involved with a car-theft ring because a number of stolen vehicles were found at the course. He beat that rap.

By the time of the basement-still fire, Althen was involved with a liquor-ring run by the already-notorious Isadore “Kid Cann” Blumenfeld. He got in deeper and deeper, to the point that he functioned as bookkeeper for the syndicate.

Things started coming apart in November 1933, when Althen and 38 others were indicted by a federal grand jury looking into the ring’s activities, even as Prohibition was ending.

The St. Paul city directory continued to list the Althens at 1430 N. Snelling Ave. in 1933, but newspapers reported that Conrad used an apartment near 11th Street and Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis for business. The papers also said the couple had been living in a house on Portland Avenue in Richfield, and Genevieve Althen told police that the last time she saw her husband alive was on Thanksgiving Day when he leapt from a window there to elude federal agents.

On the evening of Dec. 18, 1933, Althen was in a roadhouse on Cedar Avenue, south of Minneapolis, planning to leave soon for Florida. It wasn’t to be, and his body was found a few hours later in a ditch in Dakota County, badly beaten and riddled with machine-gun bullets. The murder rated front-page coverage in all six Twin Cities daily newspapers, several of them detailing the final garb of the dapper dresser down to his blue silk underwear.

Twenty-six-year-old Dakota County Attorney (and later Minnesota governor) Harold Stassen handled the case. He interviewed Mrs. Althen, who was not of much help. Undoubtedly wishing to avoid
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For his part, Kid Cann snarled that his husband “knew I wasn’t a worrier and never talked about his work.”

There were several theories about the motive for the murder. Ransom money from George ‘Machining Gun’ Kelly’s kidnapping of an Oklahoma oilman had shown up in the Twin Cities and Blumenfeld and associates were tried in Oklahoma City for money laundering, two of them convicted. Althen may have been suspected of embezzlement in place to regulate the newly legal liquor ring.

Whatever the case, as days passed the story faded from public view, replaced by other newspaper tales of violence, kidnappings and the view, replaced by other newspaper headlines himself as St. Paul’s much-loved reporter, is a freelance writer and according to Anderson, later made headlines himself as St. Paul’s much-publicized “Super Mayor” of the early 1970s. Roger Bergerson, a former newspaper reporter, is a freelance writer and according to Anderson, later made headlines himself as St. Paul’s much-publicized “Super Mayor” of the early 1970s.

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1 FRIDAY
First Friday Showcase, 7 p.m., Gingko Coffeehouse

2 SATURDAY
Lucy M Cheelle and the Velvet Lapelles, 6:30 p.m., M’s Saber, Books

4 MONDAY
‘The Case of the Killer Cookie’ Dii Palm. Logging and Species Extinction in Southeast Asia, 4:30 p.m., St. Paul Student Center

7 THURSDAY
Health Care Directives, 10 a.m., St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ

9 SATURDAY
Ian M’Ceron & Alisa M’Riner, 7 p.m, Gingko Coffeehouse
Be Well As You Age Film: Preventing Elder Abuse 10:30 a.m, St. Anthony Park Branch Library

12 TUESDAY
Special general election to fill State Senate District 66 seat
St. Anthony Park Community Council election, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., St. Anthony Park Branch Library and Hampden Park Co-op

14 THURSDAY
‘Prairie, Lake, Forest: Minnesota’s State Parks,’ presented by Chris Nielson, 7 p.m., Fairview Community Center

16 SATURDAY
Wil Hail, 10:30 a.m, Gingko Coffeehouse

17 SUNDAY
Sunday Afternoon Reading Group: Remarkable Creatures by Tracy Chevalier, 2:30 p.m, Micawber’s Books

21 THURSDAY
Claudia Schmidt, 7 p.m and 9 p.m, Gingko Coffeehouse

Moonshine on Snelling from 7
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23 SATURDAY
Koosta Ponds cleanup, 9 a.m. to noon, Energy Park Dr. and Hwy. 280, 651-649-5992

26 TUESDAY
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Contact information:
Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Road B, Roseville
Gingko Coffeehouse, 721 W. Snelling Ave., 651-645-2647
Hampden Park Co-op, 528 Raymond Ave., 651-646-6686
Micawber’s Books, 2328 Carter Ave., 651-646-5506
St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2333 Como Ave., 651-642-0411
St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., 651-683-8946
St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave.

Join us for
An Evening of Celebrating the Mission Trail
Saturday, May 7
4:30-9:00 p.m.
Workshops, Silent Auction, Chinese Dinner, Panel Discussion
Tickets (per person) $12 (ordered by April 7) $17 (April 8-May 6) $22 (day of event)
Event to be held at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave

China Service Ventures (CSV)
1407 Cleveland Ave N, St. Paul, MN 55108
Get tickets on-line at www.chinaserviceventures.org

Sunday, May 8, 2 p.m. @ CSV Room Dedication Ceremony

Traffic stopped on Snelling when ‘32 Chey ran wild.”
Invasive burdock is hazard to birds

By Clay Christensen

Invasive burdock is hazard to birds. It is the weed with marble-sized burs that were the inspiration for the hook-and-loop fasteners we are all familiar with. The burs hook onto an animal, or your jacket, and get a free ride to a new location to scatter their seeds.

As I approached the plant, I could see a small bat, somewhat disoriented, stuck firmly to the burs. It had probably chased a moth right into the burdock, unable to avoid the burs. One stuck, its efforts to free itself only entrapped it more. And there it perished.

I got a call last fall from Mary Maguire Lerman of St. Anthony Park. She had been leading a team of volunteers who were removing invasive plants from College Park when they came upon a bird caught in a clump of burdock.

The trapped bird was dead. She wanted to know if I wanted to see it. She thought it was a goldfinch.

I met Lerman at her home a few mornings later. She had saved the branch of the burdock with its trapped bird. I talked with her, took some pictures and agreed that it was an American goldfinch. It was not easy to see, but maybe there was a story here, perhaps about clearing invasive plants from both public and private property.

Lerman called a few days later to say she had left the bird and branch to the M-northeast Park and Recreation office, where she had worked as a horticulturist. Folks there told her the bird was a ruby-crowned kinglet. I pulled myself up to my full height and with a frosty huff in my voice told her I thought they were wrong and that they should check a good field guide. How dare they doubt my identification! Me, the Birdman of Lauderdale!

I went back and reviewed more closely the photos I had taken at her house. The bird did have a very narrow bill, not a wide, deep-seeded sort of a kinglet. But the wing was gray like a kinglet, not black like a goldfinch. I was wrong.

I called Lerman immediately and apologized for the cocksure nature of my identification and told her I was wrong; it was, indeed, a ruby-crowned kinglet.

The ruby-crowned kinglet is one of our smallest migrant birds. It is also the weed with marble-sized burs, those which give the plant its common name. It thrives in both public and private property. Perhaps about clearing invasive plants from both public and private property.

In 1909, biologist James Cunningham at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources described the burdock as a weed. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is encouraging people to remove invasive plants from their property. They may have successfully wintered a snack before, but their luck didn’t hold. I expect that a windy day would be a dangerous time to try to feed on the insects on burdock plants.

I never imagined there were plants that could be hazardous to birds and animals, but burdock sure is. Lerman offers some suggestions for getting rid of burdock.

Burdock is a biennial. The first year it looks like rhubarb, except the stems are a dull purple. The second year, it sends up a tall bloom stalk, multi-branched, with flowers that look like small lavender thistles. When you see those lavender thistles, that’s the time to strike.

Cut off the bloom stalk at ground level and dispose of it in the trash. Don’t cut the bloom stalk before that lavender color appears. The plant will simply send up another bloom stalk.

Good luck, and thanks from Mary Lerman and me for your help in becoming a Burdock Buster.
It really was the winter of our discontent

By Kristal Leebrick

It was one long winter.

We wore layers of wool and polypropylene. We shoveled more than 6 feet of snow. We slipped on ice.

As our vitamin D levels plummeted with the temperatures, a few local poets found solace in writing about this never-ending season.

Last month, we put out a call for entries into our “we’ve-had-it-with-winter” poetry contest. We expected a blizzard of poems but instead received a brief flurry—10 to be exact.

Our judge, Jay Orff, product and web manager at Magnetic Poetry in Minneapolis, chose the poem “Valentine Danger Time” by Marilyn Thomas Walton of Como Park as the winner.

What made this poem climb to the top? “It surprised me,” he said. “I think a good poem should surprise you. There are things in here I was not expecting. I thought the language was interesting. It’s not just experimental. I just like the way it works.

‘Cold weeps in under the rag/rug against the door’ I love that line. It’s a great image.”

Orff, who has had work published in Harper’s, Read Magazine and Spout Magazine, chose these two poems as the second- and third-place winners, respectively: “If we were dating: A haiku” by Jenny Bell and “Snow Storm in the City” by Jacey Choy.

Walton wins Magnetic Poetry’s “The Poet” kit (donated by Magnetic Poetry). Bell and Choy win the opportunity to have their poems published in the Bugle.

You can read all the entries at www.parkbugle.org.
Voices

Susan Thurston Hamerski

By Judy Woodward

Pat Susan Thurston Hamerski lives in Falcon Heights. In this month’s Voices, she talks about her poem “I Am.” The poem is dedicated to the memory of American poet Jane Kenyon, who died in 1995 after a long illness.

**I Am**
(In memory of Jane Kenyon)

I am the round stones gathered from the lakeshore. Round stones only. After all, you have to make choices.

I am the Italian lover’s mistake. More evidence that All American women are crazy.

I am the bread crumbs on the Frenchman’s plate, which later, while walking along the same, he feeds to the doves.

I am the mother’s ring; each gold loop embraces Other moons, the infinite seasons of loving a daughter.

I am the iris of your eyes. Sometimes blue. Then brown. Now green.

I am the trick of light in those eyes.

I am the brass door knocker from Provence, shaped like a woman’s fist, that punctuates arrivals, fills the house with the anticipation of conversation.

I am there on the page of music. The theme, the verse. Never the refrain. Certainly not the chorus.

I am the wedge of cheese with the rind sweating, fully delighted By the polished table, the cool gray marble. And the one remaining grape.

I am the lilacs so full of their own scent they bend down

I am curtains, sheer, white, full of summer and the dreams of lovers.

I am the flag folded and handed to those left standing. It does not matter which country.

I am the one who loves you without seeing you, already with you Before your toes find the morning floor.

I am there in each heartbeat and the footstep you think

I am that floor.

I am there walking toward you. Always. Coming toward you.

You will see me walking toward you. Always. Coming toward you.

Thurston Hamerski: This poem was written near the beginning of Kenyon’s decline. She and her husband [poet Donald Hall] were very open about the process [of her dying]. I was trying to honor Kenyon, because she is someone whose work meant a lot to me. My poem has the same structure, the same tone, and the same device of starting each couplet with “I Am” as Kenyon’s poem “Briefly It Enters, and Briefly Speaks.”

I’ll take an idea [like this] from another work and use it as a departure point. It’s a way of enhancing experience... demonstrating a link with others. What I tried to evoke was the whole intention of being present in the moment. Each couplet represents a facet of my life, my relationships. The reader takes the extra step to decide… is she speaking about faith, about creativity, about the Creator?

I can be aware of one thing when I write a poem, and it will tell me something else when I go back later. This is true of anybody who creates. If someone says, “I think you meant this…” I’m not going to [disagree]. Part of the completion of the act of creation is what the reader brings to it. The things in the poem are things I know and things I love. I would hope after reading the poem, the reader would have a sense of what I notice. My children were pre-adolescents when I wrote this, and it’s what I wanted them to know about me.

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This was one of those times where [I] tapped into that “other awareness.” I can’t talk it into being. It’s something that happens in the act of writing. That’s what you hope for when you write.
Sidewalk poetry from 11

Young developed a stamping technique “to carry an entire poem—not line by line, but poem by poem. So each poem has its own stamp,” she said.

“In some respects, the idea sounds so simple, but it’s actually very complicated,” Podas-Larson said. “It’s a courageous idea, the concept of the city as a book.”

Young turned to St. Paul Poet Laureate Carol Connolly for help. “Of course, Carol went nuts over the idea,” Podas-Larson said. She was “100 percent behind it.”

Because sidewalks are part of everyday life, Young and Connolly reasoned, the poetry stamped into them should be composed by everyday people. And so, in 2008, the citywide poetry contest was born. The response was phenomenal, more than 2,000 poems were submitted the first year. Podas-Larson expects that number to rise this year.

“It is a crazy amount,” said Nomi Cohn, a St. Anthony Park resident who served as a judge last year and whose poem “Dementia” was among those chosen in 2008. The hard part is choosing five “favorites” from the hundreds of entries, she said, noting there is no correlation between the poets’ age and writing quality. There are “some stunners” written by kids, she said.

There is no checklist for what makes a poem “good,” but writing poetry for a sidewalk is vastly different than writing for a magazine or book, Cohn said. A sidewalk poem is unique because “it needs to do a different job than a poem in a book is going to do,” Cohn said.

Sidewalk poetry is an interactive activity. The “shape of the words is important because on the sidewalk, those words serve both as poetry and visual art. And the shape is the first thing people see when they lay it down, she said.

The St. Paul Public Library joined the poetry forces this year and will host two workshops led by award-winning poet (and Sidewalk Poetry judge) John Mincek on Saturday April 9. The poem “coach” will guide wannabe poets through writing exercises and help them hone their craft for sidewalk poetry. The workshops are at Minterian Public Library, 1831 M sandell Ave, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Rice Street Library, 1101 Rice St, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Writers of the five winning poems will each receive $150 and citywide fame. The contest, which opened March 15 and will accept entries through April 17, is open to anyone who lives in St. Paul. The residency requirement, however, has caused some unintended angst. Project organizers have received more than one impassioned call from poets living on the wrong side of the river desperate to find a way around the rule, Podas-Larson said. “We want this to be a streetscape, not a city-state, thing,” she said.

This poem by Jeri Reilly is etched into a sidewalk on Hyde Street.

To date, there are 367 copies of the 31 winning poems etched into the city’s history. About 110 panels outside of the 10 miles of sidewalk replaced each year will be stamped with new poetry. Where and when a poem is poured into permanency is determined by the city’s sidewalk-maintenance schedule. “It is specifically tied to the sidewalk-repair program,” Podas-Larson said. “This is not something Public Works is used to doing,” Podas-Larson said about the odd-couple collaboration with Public Arts St. Paul. “But it’s an incredibly open and friendly organization to partner with.”

With chapter four under way, the Sidewalk Poetry story continues to unfold. Excitement for the project has moved past St. Paul’s borders and into international territory. Organizations around the world are eager to replicate St. Paul’s Sidewalk Poetry. Podas-Larson said. So when Public Art St. Paul hands over its secret Sidewalk Poetry recipe, it asks only that the St. Paul project receive proper credit.

For more information go to www.stpaulgov.poetry.

Ruth Weleczki is a frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.
**District 12 council election is April 12**

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Here are the candidates for both north and south St. Anthony Park. Candidates were asked to describe what citizen participation means to them and what skills, strengths or knowledge they would bring to the council.

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Gary Carlson

Citizen participation means the average person is able, in collaboration with other members of the council, to influence decisions of government and business and to be an active leader in the community. I believe that my life experience, my training as an attorney and my strong community knowledge will serve the work of the council very well. I have been a St. Anthony Park resident for 34 years. I pledge to give the job my very best effort.

Brian Clark

I am running for the Community Council because I love everything that makes our community unique. I want to be an active leader in its future. I believe that the Community Council provides a forum for all of us to participate and be heard. I am driven to serve on the board because it is a community in order to live in a way that minimizes our impact on the environment and creates a sustainable community. I bring my training as an engineer and my experience as a daily bike commuter to this board and intend on working toward creating the most sustainable community. I look forward to the opportunity to serve our great neighborhood on this board.

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They bring the organic farm eggs, naturally raised bacon and free range poultry. All you have to pick up is a menu. Book the Wine Room for up to 25 people. Every Sunday, our favorite farmers come for brunch.

We supply the mimosas.

It has been a pleasure to serve as a council member for SAP for the past two years. I bring an often-unheard voice to issues that concern all residents, particularly renters who live along the new light-rail transit. As a University of Minnesota employee, my perspective includes St. Anthony Park's relationship with an influential neighbor. As a writer, I work to promote fellow artists who bring vitality and public interest to our neighborhood. I serve on the Land Use Committee and West M Idway Industrial Area Task Force and represent District 12 on the residential and economic development subcommittee of the city's Capital Improvement Budget Committee.
5K Fun Run/Walk to benefit AIDS work in Mutomo, Kenya

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Pre-registration cost for the Run/Walk is $50 per person. Every participant who signs up will receive a T-shirt at Munger Park to wear on the 10 km race. T-shirt and soil will be available at the race registration for $25 per person. Registration at visitation.net and click on the 5K Fun Run/Walk at Vis ser link.

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Topic at April 4 lecture

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Grocery service needs volunteers

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The reshaping of St. Paul schools is a work in progress

By Kristal Leebrick

St. Paul Public Schools plan to dramatically reorganize to bring change to every school in the district, but exactly what those changes will be and how individual schools will be affected is a chapter that will probably be edited a few times. When Superintendent Valeria Silva brought her proposal, called Strong Schools, Strong Communities, to the school board on March 15, she described it as a “framework” that would be adjusted over the next three years.

What is certain is that the district will divide the city into six attendance areas. Students may be bused to any school within their attendance area. Cybeline busing will be provided only to students attending regional or district magnet programs.

The board unanimously approved the plan at the March 15 meeting.

H’ertz what the reorganization means to students in the Como Park and St. Anthony Park neighborhoods, which are part of Area E:

• There will be five community elementary schools in the area, Chelsea Heights, Como Park, Galtier, Hancocks-Hamline and St. Anthony Park. These schools will enroll kindergarten through grade 5 beginning in the 2013-14 school year.

Any child living in Area E can attend one of these schools; however, the district will establish attendance boundaries for each school to ensure that children who live close to the school will be guaranteed enrollment. Current attendance boundaries apply for the 2011-12 school year.

• The district’s sixth-graders will move into middle-school programs at existing junior high schools in the 2013-14 school year. Murray Junior High School will become the Area E middle school.

Current fifth-graders at Adams Spanish Immersion School and Highland Park Elementary School will pilot the middle-school program this fall at Highland Park Middle School.

• Areas E will have five regional magnet schools that children in the area may attend, all of which will have a pre-K to 8 grade configuration. Those include Benjamin E. Mays Primary Years International Baccalaureate, J. Hill M. Ontesori, Jackson Hmong Studies, Jackson Two-Way Hmong English Immersion, North End/ Franklin McKissic and Wellstone Two-Way English Spanish Immersion.

• Elementary magnet schools that children in the district can apply to attend include Adams Spanish Immersion, American Indian (Pre-K-8), Barack and Michelle Obama Service Learning, Benjamin E. Mays Mandarin Immersion Program, Capital Hill Gifted and Talented, Crossroads Montessori, Crossroads Science, Farnsworth Aeroospace, Four Seasons A+ Arts, L.eToile du Nord French Immersion and Wellstone BioSMART.

• Como Park Senior High School is the community school for Area E students and regional magnet for the Advanced Placement program.

• Central High School is the International Baccalaureate regional magnet school for the area, but students must be enrolled in the elementary IB program at Benjamin E. Mays and articulate up through Central’s IB program.

High schools will change

One of the hallmarks of this plan is to align curriculum across the district and, according to Silva, put “great schools in every corner of our district.”

That means programs at all high schools will change under the new plan, Turner said.

“Central will change. All high schools will need to provide equity. Some programs will go away,” she said.

Although larger high schools are able to offer more programming than their smaller counterparts because per-pupil funding gives them a bigger budget, “you won’t see schools with eight languages while some high schools have only two,” Turner said.

Old system no longer works

Silva contends that the district’s decades-old citywide magnet program is no longer viable. “We are still doing what we were doing 30 years ago," she said. "We have a system that produces outstanding results in a few schools." Find out more about the plan at www.spps.org/strong_schools.html.

Click on the link “School Choice by area” and scroll down to Area E to find out what the school choice and school pathways are for students in this area.

Or call the district’s Student Placement Center at 651-632-3701 for more information.

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Thirty students received a Presidential Active Lifestyle Award for completing 60 minutes of physical activity five out of seven days a week for six weeks. The award is sponsored by the Presidential Council on Physical Fitness and includes a certificate signed by President Obama and a presidential emblem.

The Chelsea Heights PTO is sponsoring the Chelsea Heights Highs School News committee. Both the running and archery clubs are funded in part through Fuel Up To Play 60 grant from M D W and American Dairy Farmers.

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Sue; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and 12 siblings.

She was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, her sister-in-law, Carol, and grandchildren.

A Memorial for Remembrance was held at the Twin Cities Friends Meetinghouse on March 5.

Gilbert Schrefels
Gilbert N. Schrefels, 90, of St. Anthony Park, died peacefully on Feb. 20. He was preceded in death by his wife, Genevieve; six brothers; and three sisters. He is survived by his daughters and son, Mary Ann (Jim) Bjork, Barbara (Tom) Jungman, Larry (Mary) Schrefels, Deborah Schrefels and Joyce Lehmann; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Dora; his nieces of St. Cloud; and his longtime beloved friend, Marion Carlson.

His funeral services were held Feb. 24 at Rosewell Chapel Cemetery in Rossville.

The Rev. Orville Wool
The Rev. Orville Kermitt Wool, longtime Lutheran pastor, died March 14. He was born on Aug. 28, 1937, in Bloomington, Minn., and was a graduate of Luther Seminary. He was ordained into the ministry in 1960 and served parishes in Willmar, Minn.; Stevens Point, Wis.; Red Wing, Minn.; Fort Worth, Texas, and St. Paul. He concluded his active ministry at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Como Park.

He was survived on numerous church and community boards and committees and was the recipient of several awards. He will be deeply missed by his family. He is survived by his daughter, Mary (Dr. David) Bartsch; son, the Rev. David (Catherine) Wool; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Edna, who died in July 2010.

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A memorial service was held March 20 at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Como Park, with interment at Calvary Cemetery, Grand Forks, N.D.

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Local plumbers get Angie's List Super Service Award
St. Paul Pipeworks, a local plumbing company owned by Charlie Avoles and Dave Kerr, has been given the 2010 Angie's List Super Service Award. The award is given to only 5 percent of companies listed on the online consumer review site.

Avoles, who started the business in 2007, believes the company's business model of keeping stores of supplies on hand in their trucks and their dedication to keeping customers' floors clean of plumbing waste helped them earn the award.

The plumbers carry new toilets, water heaters, dozens of sink faucets and myriad "dooh-dads" in their trucks so they don't have to go searching for a part when they are on a plumbing job, Avoles says. Also, "we bill ourselves as the cleanest plumbers in the Twin Cities. We carry a dozen or more white painters tarps in the truck. When we come in, we cover things."

Avoles has lived in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood since 1973 and Kerr owned the former Park Hardware for ten years before he closed that business. "I have a lot of friends and associates and neighbors," Avoles says, "and Dave built a lot in the store, and all those people use us as plumbers."

Acupuncture office opens in St. Anthony Park
Cadance Paulaha, a Minnesota State Board-licensed acupuncturist, recently opened Acupuncture with Cadance in the Healy Building, 2310 Como Ave., Suite 102.

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